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SUBJECT: NCNA MEMBERSHIP IN FOREIGN PRESS ASSOCIATION

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1. CONTRARY TO REPORT IN REFTTEL, THE PRC CORRESPONDENTS ARE NOW MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN PRESS ASSOCIATION (FPA), AND THE CNA REPRESENTATIVE IS NOT. MEMBERSHIP IN THE CLUB IS DECIDED BY A 75 PERCENT FAVORABLE VOTE BY A QUORUM OF THE TWELVE MAN EXECUTIVE BOARD. THE APPLICATIONS OF THE PRC AND THE GRC CANDIDATES WERE CONSIDERED AT THE SAME TIME, IN OCTOBER 1973, WHEN THERE WAS BARELY A QUORUM. THERE WAS, THEREFORE, NO CNA MEMBER OF THE CLUB AT THAT TIME. THE PRC CANDIDATES (NCNA, JEN MIN JIH PAO AND KUANG MING JIH PAO) WERE EASILY ADMITTED, BUT THE CNA REP, YOUNG, FAILED BY ONE VOTE TO OBTAIN THE 75 PERCENT FAVORABLE VOTE REQUIRED.

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2. A NEW FPA EXECUTIVE BOARD WAS ELECTED IN DECEMBER. THE NEW BOARD BELIEVED THAT AN INJUSTICE HAD BEEN DONE TO THE CNA REP, AND ASKED YOUNG TO RESUBMIT HIS APPLICATION. YOUNG APPARENTLY INTENDS TO DO SO. THE BOARD THEN EXPECTS TO VOTE TO ADMIT YOUNG, AND THE BALL WILL BE IN THE PRC'S COURT. PRIOR TO BEING ADMITTED, NCNA ASKED FOR ASSURANCES THAT THE CNA REP WOULD NOT BE A MEMBER, AND FPA REPLIED THAT NO ASSURANCES COULD BE GIVEN. ALTHOUGH THE PRC MUST THEREFORE HAVE CONSIDERED THE POSSIBILITY THAT YOUNG COULD BE ADMITTED, IT IS NOT AT ALL CLEAR WHETHER PRC CORRESPONDENTS WILL DECIDE TO PULL OUT OF THE CLUB OR TO BOYCOTT ITS MEETINGS.

3. WE SHALL REPORT FURTHER IF AND WHEN THE CNA REP RESUBMITS HIS APPLICATION.

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